

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner has entered a restriction requirement for the pending claims 1-23. Applicants elect with traverse Group II, claims 20-23, to prosecute in the present application. Applicants elect sulfamic acid as the species of nitrite reducers for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional patent application for the non-elected claims 1-19. New claims 24-26, dependent on claim 20, are added to more particularly point out the invention of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance, early notice of which is earnestly requested.

A check in the amount \$54.00 is enclosed in payment for the addition of 3 new claims dependent claims in excess of three.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

Respectfully submitted,  
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